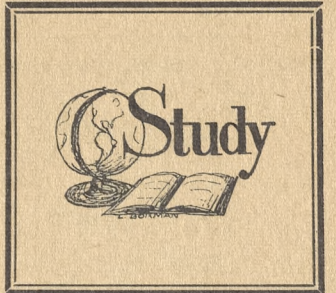




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Reputation Of School Is High, Principal Says

The reputation of Fort Hamilton High School has reached a peak in this community which should make all of us proud. This fact is brought home to us daily in many ways. Let us first confirm the fact, and then give thought to what it means to all of us.

We often hear gratifyingly complimentary remarks from local residents, who are usually a school's severest critics. Compliments come to us also from many colleges, from parents of graduates, from officials and tradespeople whose business takes them to many schools, and from people who never dream that their remarks get back to us. (Small world!)

Eager to Come Here

We notice also how many people are eager to have their children admitted here, although they live outside the district. Indeed, some are so eager that they resort to the most questionable devices to gain their end. As another evidence, we are regularly approached by many of the best banks, trust companies, insurance companies, etc., which are anxious to offer good positions to graduates whom we recommend.

The actual value of every graduate's diploma is affected by the reputation of the school, whether we think in terms of college admission, employment, or even social status. Many pupils have seen our diploma as part of the cover of a current record album called "Moments to Remember." Do you think the company would have been willing to use the diploma of a school with an indifferent reputation?

Much to Lose

Almost without exception, the boys who have been guilty of vandalism or misconduct in the buses during the

To Paint Windows For Art Prizes

The annual Halloween Window Painting Contest, sponsored by the Bay Ridge Community Council and the 86th Street Board of Trade, will take place next Wednesday, October 26.

Students participating in this event will come from public and parochial schools in the Bay Ridge and Fort Hamilton areas.

Miss Anna C. Dick, head of Fort Hamilton's Art Department, will be associated with this contest for the tenth straight year. She is chairman of the Halloween Art Committee.

Mr. Jon B. Leder, principal, will again judge the 7-8 grades.

3 Seniors Win Art Scholarships

Three Fort Hamilton students have won one-year tuition-free scholarships to Pratt Institute. They are seniors Robert Battani, Gunar Berlington and Stanley Grecke.

The scholarships are for a class in graphic design. The boys began their course October 1 and attend every Saturday from 9 to noon.

G.O. Officers 1960-61



Bill Butts

Mr. Joseph Kottmann, faculty adviser; Steve Shama, president; Jeff Ayd, vice-president; Mitch Hanenian, treasurer; Gail Johnson, secretary; Mr. Eugene Sterne, faculty adviser.

Kennedy or Nixon Nov. 8? 2 Seniors Present Views

(The two articles below are concerned with the Republican and Democratic presidential candidates.

The Pilot has always maintained a neutral policy with regard to political issues. However, the editors feel that these statements by two seniors reflect thought and interest, and consequently merit space in the school newspaper.)

By Dennis B. Briody

The Democratic party has put forward candidates who can lead America to a new era of greatness.

Senator John F. Kennedy has been educated and experienced for the 60's and has a 14-year record in Congress as a proven leader.

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson is a leader proven by a 30-year public service record. His guidance has given America its only two civil rights bills.

Our Platform Best

The Democratic platform is the only platform that is devoted to a strong foreign policy, military preparedness, aid for the aged and education, strong civil rights, and a decent wage for all.

Senator Kennedy stated that distribution of federal aid to the schools should be left to the states, in accordance with the Constitution.

Senator Kennedy also stated that aid to the aged should be under the

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By Barbara Hartill

The Republicans have chosen Richard M. Nixon and Henry Cabot Lodge to be the party's standard bearers.

The party platforms attack specific problems in different ways. Education is a great issue in this campaign. Kennedy would have the government subsidize the building of schools and the salaries of teachers. However, Republicans feel that when the teachers' salaries come from the Federal government, controls are inevitable. Therefore, the Republicans would subsidize only the construction of schools.

Medical Care

In view of the high cost of medical care today, many elderly people have trouble supporting themselves. Hence, medical care for the aged is part of the Republican and Democratic platforms.

Kennedy would have the cost of medical care compulsory in the social security act. This would increase the social security tax, thus lowering

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Again First in DECA Contest

By Vicki Halper

Fort Hamilton achieved first place for the second straight year in the annual Distributive Education Clubs of America business education contest sponsored by the New York Mirror.

Approximately 1400 students took part in the highly competitive procedures at City College last June.

Areas of Education

Under the supervision of Mr. Alfred Berkowitz, merchandise and sales teacher and adviser of the G.O. store, students who participated had an opportunity to display their abilities in eleven areas of business education. The judges were representatives of major New York department stores, sales organizations, and local educational institutions.

They had to choose winners in the fields of demonstration sales, job in-

terviews, radio commercials, and public speaking. They also looked for top-grade work in all areas of merchandising.

13 Receive Honors

This school took eleven out of twelve events, and thirteen winners received honors. Karen Peterson was judged the best dressed girl among 270 contestants. Also awarded first prize was Carol Istrico, who impressed the judges with her public speaking.

Second and third prizes were achieved in eight other fields. Dr. Joseph Gruber, Director of Commercial Education of New York City, and Mr. Hinson Stiles, of the New York Mirror Youth Program, presented the recipients of honors with

107 Students Achieve Place on Honor Roll

By Rosemary Stachowiak

Last June 107 students achieved a 90% average or higher, thus making them eligible for the honor roll.

The top five graduates who led their class were Charles Schoenmann, 97.75; Jacquelyn Appel, 97.5; Arnold Andersen, 97.4; Janet Ray, 96; and Maxine Sacks, 95.33.

Margaret Ekstrom led the junior class with a 96.8 average. She was followed by Mildred Thomas, 96.2; Susan Blader, 95.8; and Emily Paradise, 95.8.

Leading the sophomore class was Tina Urowsky, with a 97 average; leading the freshman class, Lois Leewe with a 95 average.

Amend Service Credit Report

By Lucille Clementi

The Teacher's Council accepted a new, amended service report last spring that has been endorsed by Mr. Jon B. Leder, principal.

Students planning to give service to the school in some way this year are urged by the faculty to bear in mind the following:

1. Service credit will be granted to students only for service given during their study periods, lunch periods, before A.M. prefect, or after 3:00. All other student activities are recognized as clubs or are credited by commendation cards.

Short Term Service

2. No service credit will be granted to a student performing duties in a subject class period, for example, blackboard monitor, newspaper monitor, etc. If these duties are performed well and faithfully, commendation cards may be given at the discretion of the teacher.

3. A maximum of 5 points will be given to students for special short term service during non-school hours, for example, program committee, laboratory squads, Regents week, etc. One point of service credit may be given for 5 hours of service before or after school per term.

A commendation card should be given to students for special short term service during non-school hours that is given for less than 5 hours, for example, hostess on Open School Night.

Monitorial Duties

4. One point of service credit will be given for limited official monitorial duties assigned by the school administration and chairmen of department.

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Fourth Year

Charles Schoenmann, 97.75; Jacquelyn Appel, 97.5; Arnold Andersen, 97.4; Janet Ray, 96; Joyce Rosenbaum, 95.33; Maxine Sacks, 95.33; Faye Natanblut, 95; Pamela Gersten, 94.5; Enid Oppenheimer, 94.55; Jocelyn Jansen, 93; Chris Pallas, 93; Richard Glasser, 92.8; Virginia Minor, 92.25;

Deborah Pisetznar, 92; Tania Khodjamirian, 91.5; Carol Anne Rabe, 91.5; Flavia Rando, 91.25; George Martin, 91; Sonja Olsen, 91; Carolyn Schrader, 91;

Anna Marie Skarre, 90.66; Martin Antonelli, 90.6; Barbara Anderson, 90.25; Renate Wenzlow, 90.2; Susan Macris, 90; Esther Rabinowitz, 90; Linda Rodrigues, 90; Carol Spiclin, 90; Nancy Truscott, 90.

Third Year

Margaret Ekstrom, 96.8; Mildred Thomas, 96.2; Susan Blader, 95.8; Emily Paradise, 95.8; Ellen Weber, 94.2; Stephen Kaufman, 93.8; Thecla Psaltes, 93.6; Florence Khoury, 93.2; George Lewis, 93.2; Rosalie Corlito, 93; Douglas Gottschalk, 93; James Thompson, 92.6; Francis Masci, 92.4; Leila Hattab, 92.2; Dennis Saleeby, 92.2;

Sarah Jordan, 92; Edith Tadross, 92; Eleanor Botti, 91.8; Donna Fox, 91.8; Marjorie Bruzzese, 91.2; Katherine Holler, 91.2; Joan Parisi, 90.8; Doreen Bohman, 90.75; Mary Batemarco, 90.4; Barbara Hartill, 90.4; Richard Meltzer, 90.4.

Second Year

Tina Urowsky, 97; Jane Appel, 96.8; Susan Hirsch, 96.6; Susan Dunn, 96.2; Judith Haber, 96.2; Donald Pfister, 96.2; Bonnie Marks, 95.5; Vicki Halper, 95.4; Alice Nelson, 95; Laraine Genovese, 94.75; Rose Pagliaro, 94.4; Janette Gautier, 93.5;

Margaret Burfeind, 93.4; James Halvorson, 92.5; Gayle Johnson, 92.5; Arlene Tuccilla, 92.5; Iris Orenstein, (Continued on Page 4, Col. 5)

Quick Calendar

Nov. 7	Open School Afternoon
Nov. 8	Election Day (no school)
Nov. 10	End of first quarter
Nov. 11	Veterans Day (no school)
Nov. 14	Open School Night
Nov. 17	Pilot published
Nov. 24, 25	Thanksgiving Holidays
Nov. 30	Arista assembly
Dec. 15	Pilot published
Dec. 24- Jan. 2 incl.	Christmas Holidays
Jan. 31	First half of year ends

The Editors Say...

Or Don't You Care?

The American citizen should cherish and use his privilege to vote. Why, then, this apathy on the part of some citizens? Why, then, this absurd question, "How can my one vote out of millions on Election Day count for anything?"

Don't they know that this is a treasured possession of a people, a symbol of free men in a free land? Don't they realize that if they do not exercise and protect this privilege they may lose it, and with it their very freedom?

Why don't some Americans vote? Essentially because they are indifferent to the responsibility that must accompany every privilege that they have as a citizen. They are "too busy" or just not interested enough to register. They are uninformed of the issues that are being fought over by the candidates who are running for office. In short, they are apathetic.

And how does all this pertain to us who have not yet reached voting age? Let us resolve now to read and to study about our responsibilities as citizens. Let us learn what attributes we will want to find in the men who are to be our chosen leaders.

Let us study the political parties of our country and their platforms. Let us try to keep informed of all important local, state, and national matters. Let us keep abreast of foreign affairs.

And last, when the time comes for us to vote, let us go to the polls, cast our ballot, and consider ourselves fortunate that we have the right.

Want to Be a Winner?

Everybody likes to be on the winning side. However, to be a winner in any type of activity, there must be teamwork. In school, the entire student body is a team.

Although a major portion of glory seems to go to those who participate in an activity, every Hamiltonian actually shares in this glory through a feeling of pride in the school and its good name.

Hamilton is fortunate to be so well represented in the P.S.A.L. We have fine teams and devoted coaches. But without enthusiastic supporters, neither can be effective.

The enthusiasm of the students who have conscientiously attended games in the past has paid off in glory for the school.

On top of all this, going to the games is a night out—a chance to meet your schoolmates and many of your teachers in a different environment.

The time to start is now.

It's a Fact

By Seth Charney

Robert E. Lee served at Fort Hamilton during the years 1842-47. Another famous resident was "Stonewall" Jackson.

Fort Hamilton High School is situated on the site of the Crescent Country Club, built in 1891.

Lillian Russell, the distinguished actress, lived for a number of years at the Robinson estate, once located on Shore Road at about 93rd Street.

Fort Hamilton High School cost \$3,500,000 to build and was erected in 1940-1941.

The original "Owls Head," a navigation landmark, was situated at 81st Street and Shore Road. It became "Old Glory Lookout" in 1899 when a flagpole was erected in honor of the home-coming of Admiral Dewey, the hero of the Spanish-American War.

Fort Hamilton High School, at the time of this writing, has 3288 students and 140 faculty members.

Until 1853, Bay Ridge was known as Yellow Hook, when it received its present name.

The library of our school has approximately 10,916 volumes, 12 sets of encyclopedias, and subscriptions to 116 publications costing \$501.13 a year.

President George Washington spent the day in Bay Ridge Tuesday, April 20, 1790, recording it in his diary as "New Utrich."

Fort Lafayette, completed during the summer of 1814, had 73 guns in three tiers and was originally called Fort Diamond. The fort lies 400 feet off shore from Fort Hamilton.

Mr. Felder Considers Linguistics a Challenge

By Sarah Jordan

Do you think that you're having difficulty studying one or two languages in addition to English?

Just think of the problems Mr. Allen Felder of our Foreign Language Department encountered in his senior year at college. He was studying Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese, German, Latin and Russian at the same time.

Made Phi Beta Kappa

Mr. Felder, a native of Brooklyn, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Delta Phi, the latter a French Honorary Society. He majored in the romance languages and did graduate work in Spanish at Columbia University.



Mr. Felder usually teaches Spanish, but also teaches French and Italian. This fall he is giving a course in Portuguese for teachers. One can see that his hobby as well as his profession involves linguistics.

"El Sereno"

Mr. Felder, at Fort Hamilton for three years, has been faculty adviser of the Pan American Club. It annually publishes a magazine entitled *El Sereno* (The Watchman), which contains a variety of articles, stories, puzzles and quizzes. The contents are original creations of club members and translations.

The second issue of *El Sereno*, published in June 1960, contained accounts of trips to Puerto Rico and Mexico, enjoyable jokes, and short stories. The magazine is informative as well as entertaining and explains various aspects of Spanish culture. Articles are in Spanish and English.

Said Mr. Felder, "I think students should be encouraged to create in foreign languages as well as in their own. Articles for *El Sereno* are welcome not only from members of the club but from any student in the school."

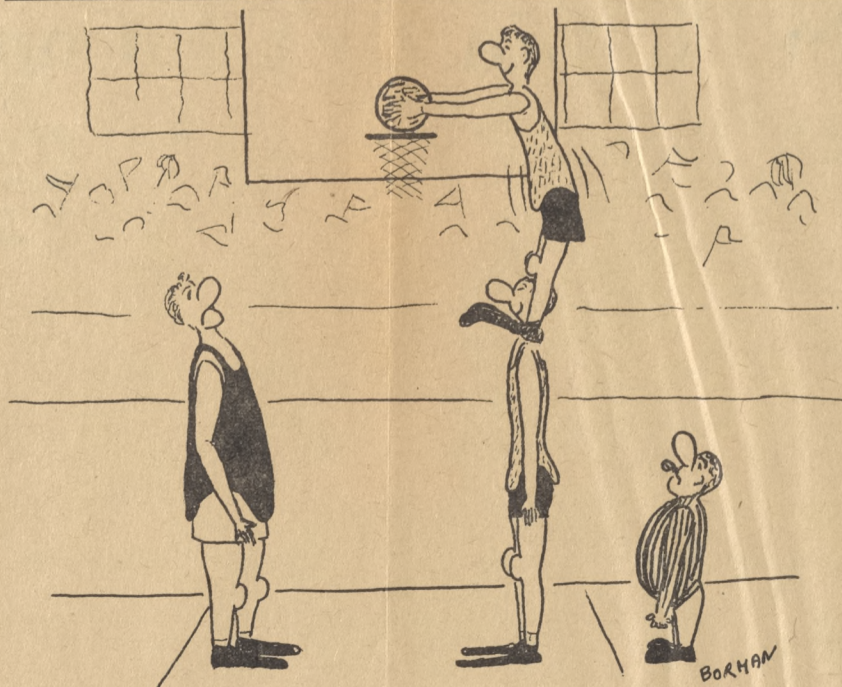
The Curious Mind

Yet it is evident that until doubt began progress was impossible. For the advance of civilization solely depends on the acquisitions made by the human intellect, and on the extent to which those acquisitions are diffused.

But men who are perfectly satisfied with their own knowledge will never attempt to increase it. Men who are perfectly convinced of the accuracy of their opinions, will never take the pains of examining the basis on which they are built.

Henry Thomas Buckle

One Way of Doing It



Round About

By Jane Appel

Question: Now that the Presidential election is upon us, do you think that eighteen-year-olds should be permitted to vote?

Marcy Bloom, 4A15:

Yes, I do think that eighteen-year-olds should be permitted to vote. An eighteen-year-old individual should be mature enough, and if he isn't he probably will not be any more mature at twenty-one.

Vera Stasny, 4B6:

At eighteen we are still formulating ideas which develop through learning. I don't think that everyone at eighteen is capable of making the best decision possible. We still need guidance.

Christine Bove, 3A7:

No, I don't think so. Some eighteen-year-olds would be able to take the grave responsibility of voting, but many would not. Voting is too important a privilege to give to the irresponsible as well as the responsible. Twenty-one is a better age.

Charlotte Krasman, 3A17:

I don't think that the eighteen-year-old should be permitted to vote. I feel that at that age few young people are mature enough to study the party platforms. By the time a person is twenty-one he should be able to weigh the policies of the various parties.

Linda Ferretti, 2C18:

At this age many young men are drafted into the armed services and are made to fight for their country. I feel that if they are old enough to defend their country, they are old enough to choose the president who leads their country.

Bob Andersen, 4A15:

Our country needs young blood. Our next president will be a younger man than our previous ones. I feel that youth is good for our land. The right to vote will make our young people more responsible.

Dorothea Deak, 2B10:

No, I do not feel that the eighteen-year-old is mature enough to vote. A decision such as choosing the right man for the job and the time, requires an understanding of the world issues.

Overbored

By Glenn Collins

MEMO FROM THE DESK OF: Pietrov Andrietchev, Soviet Embassy, N.Y.

TO: Comrade Ivan Ikonyetchevich, Secret Police, Moscow.

TOP SECRET—RUSH!

FOR COMRADE IKONYETICHEVICH'S EYES ONLY

Dear Comrade,

How is every little thing, Ivan? How are Ninotchka and all the little Ikonyetchevichs? Sacha and I are fine although I've been getting overweight on this good American food. Ivan, you must remember to stamp your letters "TOP—SECRET—RUSH!" Otherwise, it takes forever for them to arrive.

It is a busy season at the Embassy—first Nikita, and now the annual traitor rush. Honestly, you must send us more loyal spies—ones who won't be so dazzled by American life that they give themselves up just to live in the luxury and freedom of American jails.

One of our agents in the school system, after many hours of dangerous rummaging, found this important student composition in a refuse can:

WHAT I DREAD THE MOST

Aside from waiting on the lunch line, the worst torture in school occurs when the movie projector is rolled into class and the teacher announces, "We are going to see a film about what we learned yesterday."

The shades come down, the lights snap off, and the film is on. After the usual number of false starts, it is found that the film is in backwards, the machine unplugged, and the bulb broken. Suddenly a withering blast of distorted march music heralds the film, which is greenish-yellow with age.

Then, accompanied by dubbed-in sound effects, we see quivering stock footage erupt across the screen. A balsa wood miniature of Chicago takes fire to spew sand, gravel, molten lava, etc., on a superimposed mob of screaming movie extras; Teddy Roosevelt and the entire U.S. Cavalry gallops up a hill to be lost in the dust; huddled doughboys slog through the mud in The Great War; and a huge crowd cheers at a nondescript short through a snow of scratchy film.

"This is a South American revolution," we are informed indistinctly by an announcer who seems to be under twenty feet of water. Suddenly the brittle film breaks and the projection monitor slaves frantically over the machine.

Now Ivan, doesn't this suggest to you a tremendous new propaganda line? Unrest among American students—they are forced to watch propaganda films, must stand on long bread lines to eat their meager midday meals, are planning revolt—you know, the Usual Treatment.

Oh, by the way, Ivan, is Nikky planning to come to the UN again in the near future? If he is, we will have to get another TV set. He forced us to watch all of his favorite TV programs last time—all those political things—and just when all the new fall programs were starting, too.

I'll try my best to get you over here, Ivan. I know Moscow is hard to take, but there are always purges to ease the boredom.

With sympathy,
Pietrov



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By Richard Meltzer

In keeping with the tradition of Fort Hamilton High School and the *Pilot*, the Sports Deck will appear in this space throughout the year. In it we shall try to present highlights of the sports year, interviews, and special features.

1959-60 Memorable Year

Last year was a memorable one for the Blue and White varsity teams. Their fine efforts culminated in a gala Varsity Awards Father-Son Dinner, where captains and coaches were honored by the teams.



Mr. Gordon Lebowitz, chairman of the Boys Health Education Department, acted as master of ceremonies. Present also were Mr. Jon B. Leder, principal, and Mr. Hank Majeski, a former major league ball player, who gave a stimulating and informative talk about his playing days.

Quintet at Garden

The really big news of last year was the appearance of the Blue and White basketball team at famous Madison Square Garden for the PSAL playoffs. Led by our first All-City cager, Bob Barnek, the quintet won 19 and dropped only 5. One of these games included a television appearance against John Jay.

Unfortunately, we did not get past the first round at the Garden, but our loss to the Wingate Generals was expected by all experts.

Booters in Fine Form

Excitement ran high early last year as the soccer team, coached by Mr. Lebowitz, almost defeated Lafayette in a game which could have tied them with Brooklyn Tech for the City Championship. Kaare Rafoss, an All-City booter, sparked the team for six wins, two losses, and one tie.

Cindermen Place Well

During last year's indoor track season, the Blue and White Cindermen were unable to retain their PSAL City Championship, which they had won the previous year. When the outdoor season arrived, Coach Joseph Kottmann's team made a fine showing in the big Brooklyn College Meet.

Among the more than seventy schools participating, Hamilton captured sixth place with eleven and one half points racked up in the field events by John Moore, a pole vaulter; Ken Borg, a high jumper and one of the few hop, step and jump men; and Richard Cerrato, a shot-putter. Captain Vic Gerckens and Steve Shama sparked the runners.

A Dream Came True

A dream suddenly became a reality

Free Gym Outfits For Girls in Need

"The Girls Health Education Department realizes that many financial demands for necessary equipment are placed on parents in the September term—particularly the parents of new students," said Mrs. Beatrice Schaefer, chairman.

"Any part, or all, of the required gymnasium outfit will be supplied, at no charge, to any student reporting to Mrs. Sylvia Weissman at 8:30 A.M. in room 264." Mrs. Schaefer added that used locks may be loaned on request.

Through a note to the health education teacher, the Board of Education will supply a medical examination for any student whose parent is financially unable to provide one by the family physician. Dental services may also be obtained when circumstances warrant it.

last April when the baseball team defeated the defending City Champs, Lafayette, in the first league game of the season. After knocking the Frenchies' ace, Larry Yellin (who reportedly had just turned down a \$75,000 major league offer), out of the box, the Blue and White won 5-1 behind pitchers Bob Lento and Denis Murphy.

From there, they went on to win their first four league games and ten exhibitions and aroused much attention throughout the city. Then, plagued by bad luck, the nine went on a losing streak and skidded to third place where they finished the year. Coach Francis Ptak may not admit it now, but this could be the year!

More to Come

We must not overlook the feats of our six other varsity teams. Space will not permit me to elaborate on them now, but in a future issue of the *Pilot* I shall discuss the golf, bowling, rifle, handball, tennis, and cross-country teams.

See you next month.

On the Run



Steve Shama and Joel Spitzkoff do some practice footwork on the home field.

Returning Stars Spark Track Team

Coach Joseph Kottmann looks forward to another promising track team rivaling last year's, which wound up with only two losses.

"With thirty returning veterans to work with, and a number of talented newcomers, we should have an outstanding squad this year," the coach said.

This year the official track season will get under way in December. Coach Kottmann advises candidates to report at the field any Tuesday or Thursday.

Some of the returning stars are Kenny Borg, high jump; John Moore, pole vault; and G.O. president Steven Shama, mile relay. Others are Richard Gordon, Paul Thompson, Ralph Butler, Ross Freitas, Billy Meehan, and Joe Spitzkoff.

The boys will be directed by manager Arnold Hansen, assisted by John Cleary and Richard Hofseth.

Kicking the Ball Around



Gus Marinakis boots the ball towards the goal in soccer practice.

Ex-Golf Coach Reviews Highlights of 18 Years

By Stephen Kaufman

In 1942 Mr. John M. Matheson became coach of the Hamilton golf team. Now, 18 years later, he has given up coaching and reflects upon the memorable years that have passed. They were glorious years in which he guided his team to seven borough championships.



Outstanding among his recollections is the year 1947, which saw the Blue and White clubmen go undefeated. One match is especially vivid in his mind.

Greatest Thrill as Coach

"Our boys traveled to a beautiful private course out on Long Island," he began, "where they met the Lawrenceville team. Other players on the greens stopped their games to watch the action. It was tough, but we did it. We handed that school its first defeat in fifteen years of competition. It was my greatest thrill as a coach." Mr. Matheson sighed, deeply stirred by the memories of that glorious season.

That same year Hamilton's Donald Cook, then Queens Inter-Scholastic Champion, led the Blue and White to its first city title with a dramatic victory over Bayside High School.

Borough Champs 7 Times

Of course, Hamilton's most recent golf success was last season's. A key figure in this achievement was Captain John Rafaniello who, in the words of Coach Matheson, "was one of the finest high school golfers in the country." John was winner of three major golf honors.

In this blaze of victory, Mr. Mathe-

son leaves the golf scene of Fort Hamilton. Golf is the game he loves. Concerning the sport itself, he remarked: "It is not so much an exercise as a recreation—an opportunity to forget minor cares and tensions and relax in the presence of congenial company."

The ex-coach expresses words of encouragement for his successor. "I wish him the very best and hope that his boys will keep filling that trophy case."

Netmen Strive To Better Record

The tennis team, coached by Mr. Alfred Joltin, opens its fall season with a roster of old and new players.

Bob Gillespie, number one and captain, is supported by Lloyd Sara, Doug Gottshalk, Lief Olsen, Charles Saydah, Fred Bold, Michael Williams, and other promising newcomers.

Opposing teams are powerful Wingate, Madison, Lincoln, Tech, and Midwood, and to defeat them every player will have to use his best skill and strategy. Last year the team had a 4-win, 4-loss record, beating Boys High, Eli Whitney, Tilden and Sheepshead Bay.

Anyone wishing to try out for the team should report at the Delahunt Courts, 64th Street, between Fourth and Fifth Avenues, after school. Freshmen and sophomores are especially welcome.

All that students need are a tennis racket, tennis sneakers, and a strong inspiration. Mr. Joltin will do the rest.

Girls Club Notes

Miss Charlotte Markell is in charge of the Cheerleaders, the Boosters, and the basketball club, all of which meet Wednesdays in the girls gym.

Beacons, the leaders club, meeting Tuesdays under the direction of Mrs. Josephine Sullivan, is the gym honor society.

The volleyball club meets Thursdays under the guidance of Mrs. Gail Rosen.

Leemark Bowling Lanes will be the meeting place for Mrs. Sullivan's Bowling Club every Wednesday at 3:00.

Miss Hannah Mattson will be in charge of the Red Cross Club, meeting Wednesdays in room 253.

All-American Booter Guides Blue and White

By Bob Gillespie

For the third consecutive year the soccer team wound up its season in the top part of its league.

This year the team is under the direction of a new coach, Mr. Richard Cohen, who is filling the spot previously held by Mr. Gordon Lebowitz, chairman of the Boys Health Education Department.

An All-American

Coach Cohen is well qualified for the job of leading our Blue and White booters, for he himself was an All-American soccer player.

The team got off to a slow start this season by losing two close ones to Brooklyn Tech and Lafayette (1-0, 2-0). In their third game the booters came back strong by beating Grady 5-3.

Says Coach Cohen, "We lost a lot of strong players through graduation last June, including All-Scholastic Kaare Rafoss and goalie Henry Boersma. To compensate for these losses, we will have the boys concentrate more on team play rather than individual enterprise."

Junior Varsity Team

Mr. Cohen is also starting a junior varsity team to prepare freshman and sophomores for the varsity later on. Candidates should report at the field any afternoon at 3:00.

Says the coach, "With these boys learning the game in their early years, we should have better prepared teams for the future."

This year the booters will be pitted twice against Grady, Lincoln, New Utrecht, Sheepshead Bay and Lafayette.

The eleven-man starting line-up is composed of fullbacks Peter Butte and Joseph Wilamoski; halfbacks Captain Arnold Jensen, Roy Aasheim, and Rudolph Yelovich; front-line men Peter Klein, Toberg Tohaneshen, Co-Captain Gus Marinakis, Chris La Spina, Igor Stipanovic; and Goalie Frank Mirello.

Other varsity members are Arnold Hansen, Hans Handler, Harry Evans, Alax Araman, Bruce Khoury, Kalman Kardos, Robert Johnson, Sam Samman, Norman Reid, Salomon Mosseri, and Richard Maresca.

140 Try Out For Basketball

Over one hundred freshmen and sophomores participated in tryouts for the junior varsity basketball team last month.

Forty juniors and seniors attempted to make the grade as varsity men. Vincent Brennan and Ken Jacobsen were selected and placed on the tentative roster.

The surging enthusiasm for basketball as a result of last year's triumphant finish displayed itself in this great turnout from which fifteen prospective ballplayers were selected.

Returning veterans are Bob Cummings, George Moran, Danis Murphy, Marvin Olsen, Ray Ranta, Dave Reinertsen and Norman Remmen.

Supplemented by Cliff Grayer, Joe Martini, Pat Noto, Irwin Raymer and Jim Walsh from last year's Jayvee, and by flashy sophomores Richard Epstein, John Pappas and Mike Steffensen, they will comprise the 1960-61 Hamilton varsity.

"I was delighted," remarked Coach Kenneth Kern, "to see this great turnout for basketball. It's too early to comment on the future, but things seem to be shaping up very well. We've got some fine young talent from whom we expect big things in the next couple of years."

Senior Dues Determined By Requests of Students

How are the senior dues determined? Are they based on guesswork? On magic? On some mysterious formula? The seniors want to know, and have a right to know, how the sum is arrived at.

Actually, it is the students themselves who make the decision. Through the Senior Council, they request various items, such as a bigger and better yearbook, gowns, and senior pins, to mention several. These items, needless to say, cost money.

To determine the dues for each senior, Mr. Alexander Selwyn, G.O. treasurer, takes the net cost of all the things the seniors want, subtracts the money obtained from *Tower* advertising, and divides the rest by 720 (total number of seniors in present class).

In a nutshell, dues are determined by the expressed desires of the seniors. There is no magic and no guesswork. The more things they want, the larger the levy of the dues will be.

Below is an itemized account of planned senior expenditures for the current year, indicating just where the senior money is going.

Class of 1961 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES Anticipated Register—720

	Total Cost	Average Cost Per Senior
TOWER, Special Cover, enlarged book, net cost after advertising income and sale of soft covered copies	\$4,944.50	\$6.87
Awards	100.00	.14
Senior Pins	243.00	.34
Decorations and Flowers	175.00	.24
Tickets, Programs, Diploma Preparation, and Graduation Expenses	875.00	1.21
Social Events	350.00	.48
G.O. Dues for Year	720.00	1.00
Alumni Association Dues	180.00	.25
Gowns for Commencement	2250.00	3.13
Administrative Costs, Committee and Miscellaneous Expenses	400.00	.56
Gift to School and Unanticipated Expenses	540.00	.75
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$10,777.50	\$14.97
Average Dues, Rounded Off to Nearest Dollar		\$15.00
Deadline Dates:		
First Payment, Minimum \$7.00	Oct. 20, 1960	
Final Payment, in FULL	Nov. 21, 1960	

Submitted by,
Alexander Selwyn,
School Treasurer (9/28/60)

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Nixon

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take-home pay. Furthermore, since not everyone is covered by social security, many would go without provision for medical care.

Like Insurance Policy

Under Nixon's plan, medical care would be like an insurance policy, strictly voluntary, and would protect everyone who paid the cost of such a plan. Therefore, the Republican proposal is much broader and more desirable.

Richard Nixon is the man for every American. By electing a Republican Congress, the people can aid him in getting essential legislation passed.

I also believe that his experience counts for sound policies in foreign aid, in a favorable solution to farm problems, in logical conduct in education and medical assistance, and in firm action for civil rights.

7 Attend Classes To Improve Skills

Seven students were chosen to attend summer reading classes held at Abraham Lincoln High School this past summer.

Through an arrangement with the Board of Education, they attended classes for three weeks to enable them to achieve higher levels in reading and writing.

The students received no credit for this course but they had to be highly gifted and well recommended by their English teacher.

Those chosen were Marcy Bloom, Steve Shama, Chris Mante, Martha Tunick, Dimi Stevenson, Susan Blader and Barbara Hartill.

Mr. Jerome Carlin, chairman of the English Department, said humorously that the purpose of this course was to "make geniuses into super-genius."

Clubs Welcome Scientific Minds

Are you interested in science? Fort Hamilton offers students with scientific interests a variety of clubs.

Those interested in building and operating radios and other electronic devices may join the Radio Physics Club, meeting Friday afternoons in 105, under the supervision of Mr. Max Eisner.

Students who have completed physics, or are now studying it, and are proficient in mathematics, may want to join the Advanced Physics Club, where problems in physics on a college level are studied. This club meets Tuesdays in 107, under the direction of Mr. George Kanstroom, chairman of the Physical Science Department.

Mathematically-minded students who have completed chemistry, or are now studying it, may want to join the Advanced Chemistry Club, meeting Wednesdays in 107. The adviser is Mr. Max Zakon, who leads discussions in chemistry problems on a college level.

Bibliophile Club Gets Under Way

The Bibliophile Club, a gathering for book-lovers, has begun. Interested students are invited to join the Wednesday afternoon sessions in room 368.

Mr. Leon Gersten, faculty adviser, says the two-fold purpose of the club is to provide relaxed informal discussions on selected books and to help prepare students for the college boards.

In the past, club members have selected by vote such books as *The Ugly American* and *The Scarlet Letter* for reading and analysis.

PTA Elects New Slate of Officers

At the end of last term the Parent-Teachers Association elected a new slate of officers.

Mr. Henry G. Stein succeeds Mr. Salvatore Salamone as president; while Miss Margaret Monsen, a teacher in the Girls Health Education Department, was chosen vice-president.

The other newly-elected officers are as follows: corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. Pucci; recording secretary, Mrs. G. Mendizza; treasurer, Mrs. Edwin Thompson; program chairman, Mrs. J. Gataroska; membership co-chairman, Mrs. H. Levine; publicity chairman, Mrs. F. Dietz; hospitality chairman, Mrs. E. Phillips; health and safety chairman, Mr. Roy Gerardi; and auditor, Mr. Harry Baumeister.

Meetings of the PTA are held on the last Monday of every month except December.

Service Credit

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ments which are continuous throughout the term, for example, collection of daily attendance cards and slips.

5. Students must be sure that they have been credited for the service given! When service cards are made out the student himself should print in block letters all items on the first and second lines. In this way, the student will be assured of his credit and there will be no mistake in the spelling of his name or the correctness of his official class.

Civil Air Patrol Welcomes Students

The Civil Air Patrol is the civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force. It is chartered by Congress to aid in rescue work, to assist the Air Force whenever needed, and to educate the air-minded youth of America in the science of aviation.

A squadron has been started at Fort Hamilton. Boys and girls interested in joining should report to the girls gymnasium any Friday evening at 7:30. Major John Young, Air Force Reserve, will be in charge.

Mr. Leder

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past few years have been relatively new to the school. It is a matter of great pride to us that real Fort Hamilton pupils do not indulge in such things; nevertheless they suffer the undesirable consequences, while the culprits, who are usually not the type that finish school, care nothing whether our school name is besmirched.

General Disapproval Effective

Who is best able to stop this sort of conduct? It is undoubtedly the other pupils in the bus. Remember that such boys are only trying to show off, and that they lose interest as soon as they see that their audience disapproves. What is more, if there is a general expression of disapproval, the mischief makers are immediately afraid that they will be reported, and their natural cowardice causes them to subside. It may be well to remind our girls that boys are especially sensitive to their opinions, although they may pretend not to be. The open disapproval of the girls in the bus, therefore, is especially effective in discouraging these immature characters.

Strive For Perfect Record

As we start another school year, let us all resolve to make it a good one, not only individually but also as a school, and see whether we can have a perfect record on the buses. Our rewards will even come from the Transit Authority, which may be persuaded to give us a few more buses as specials. —Jon B. Leder, Principal

Capture 45 Scholarships; Arista Induction Nov. 30

A total of forty-five scholarships in June broke all previous records.

Arnold Andersen accumulated six, while Anne Belland and Deborah Pisetznar received three each. Fred Buffa, Jocelyn Jansen, Enid Oppenheimer, Janet Ray, Kenneth Sipley, and Harvey Wachtel won two apiece.

Among the schools represented were Columbia, Brandeis, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the Juilliard School of Music.

According to Mrs. Mary Catania, college coordinator, the class of 1960 was exceptionally fine. The students were very cooperative and gave time and serious thought to the matter of college and scholarship applications. "I hope succeeding classes will follow their example," she added.

Are you eligible for Arista?

Many students are not permitted to join because of failure to meet all the requirements.

To join Arista, one must achieve at least 85% average and render service to the school. This must include an entire year of cafeteria service.

Arista, the society which honors a student on the basis of scholarship, character, and service, contains 31 members at present. It is limited to 4% of the student body. New members will be installed Wednesday, November 30.

Mrs. Mary Catania, faculty adviser, said, "Membership in Arista is the highest recommendation for college admission."

Honor Roll

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92.25; Phyllis Wexler, 92; Helen Korinis, 91.8; Lloyd Sara, 91.8; Ann Marie Abrahamsen, 91.75; Merry Lightill, 91.75; Louis Di Mauro, 91.5; Anthony Guggino, 91.5;

Suzane Valentine, 91.25; Elizabeth Awad, 91; Marilyn General, 91; Ruth Solmonoff, 91; Victoria Deffina, 90.75; Victoria Hills, 90.75; Carol Chiano, 90.4; Rosalie Capobianco, 90.25; Audrey Haddad, 90.25; Nina Ernst, 90.2; Karen Birchell, 90; Melvin Fontana, 90; Arlene Pedersen, 90; Deeb Salem, 90; Kathleen Tregde, 90; Robert Weissfeld, 90.

First Year

Lois Leewe, 95; Angela Di Leo, 93.4; Mary Azzara, 93; Richard Epstein, 93; Grace Sgarlato, 93; Robert Levine, 92.8; Barbara Hudson, 92.4; Constance Biancoviso, 91.6; Virginia Thomas, 91.4; Susan Pulaski, 90.6; Gwendolyn Simmons, 90.4; Georgiana Telegadis, 90.

G.O. Store Offers Smashing Bargains

Bargains! Bargains!

The G.O. store has more bargains than even "Don's Bargain Store"! With discounts up to 50% on textbooks, banners, school supplies, and even nylons, it beats all other stores in reductions.

The store is open periods 5 and 6, and is manned by a staff chosen from merchandising and sales classes as part of their "laboratory training."

Says Mr. Alfred Berkowitz, faculty adviser, "Even though our school is doing well in sports events, our teams do not get sufficient backing from students."

"Boys and girls can help get behind the teams by purchasing banners, sweatshirts and jewelry."

Wins Dance Award On European Trip

Students dream of going to Europe, and this past summer one Hamiltonite actually did go. Not only that; while there she won third place in a world-wide dance contest.

Gail Pollock, a junior, has been taking dancing lessons for ten years, specializing in highland patterns. During the summer she competed with girls from all over the world in a highland dancing contest in Crieff, Scotland, and received a third prize medal as well as a cash prize.

While abroad, Gail also visited England and France. "It was just a whirlwind trying to see everyone and every place in a month. But it was so wonderful and exciting that I hope to return some day."

Gail plans to make a career of dancing.

Menorah Society Discusses Judaism

The Menorah Society, a club devoted to introducing Jewish culture to students, meets Tuesdays in room 202 at 3 P.M., under the supervision of Mr. Harold Ulewitz.

Officers of the club for the current year are: Marcy Bloom, president; Michael Lieberman, vice-president; and Susan Blader, secretary.

The club also serves to give its members a background in religious tradition, and to create in them an awareness of their cultural heritage.

At meetings, the students will discuss topics pertinent to Jewish life today and view films relating to Hebraic culture.

Rabbi Aryeh L. Gotlieb of the Bay Ridge Jewish Center will serve as spiritual adviser.

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